

Bicycle Re-Cycle

Bicycle Skills Development

Rodeo Fun Day

Sunday, May 7th @ 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
at Blackburn Community Hall

Youth ages 6 to 13 can participate in developing biking skills at no cost.

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President's message

Lately, I've been doing a lot of talking (and Tweeting on social media) about Placemaking.

It's a trendy term these days and to many people it doesn't mean a whole heck of a lot. But to me it's an extension of the spaces in our community that we hold dear, the ones that bring people together to talk, play, relax and mingle.

Placemaking is about taking an underutilized space, one with plenty of potential, and turning it into a place that people want to be. It's about turning space into a community hub that can accommodate a need or can add beauty to a spot.

Existing examples of successful placemaking projects would be our park structures, our sports fields, our outdoor rinks and pool. But those are large examples, ones that cost quite a bit of money to set up.

What I am proposing is something on a small scale, but with a big impact.

The heart of the Hamlet is the Four Corners. It pulses with life and activity as people drive or walk through the intersection to get to the malls, to the east, west or north ends of our city.

At the Four Corners are sections of land, both city-owned and private, that are just begging to be turned into something useful; something beautiful, fun, or creative. So far, I have reached out to one property owner, who was supportive of the idea of turning one section of the Four Corners into a mini "community hub".

Locally, communities such as Vanier, Westboro, and the Glebe have tapped into this idea of making spaces into destinations and we can certainly learn from their best practises. Examples of things that have been used in other communities to brighten spaces have been art work, seating, bicycle parking, and plants.

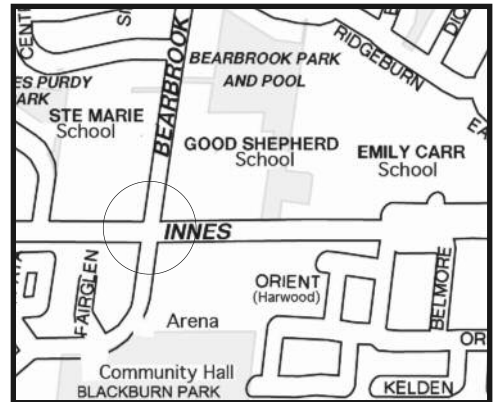
With this project, I want to spark a conversation in our community about how to turn our little-used spaces, such as the Four Corners, into useful, enjoyable places that enhance our quality of life.

I invite you to join me in this conversation, by sending me an email at president@blackburnhamlet.ca with the subject line "Community Beautification Project".

Based on the response from the community, I will organize a meeting for the spring to develop this idea further, answer questions, get feedback and recruit interested participants.

More information about this project will appear on the BCA's Facebook page and on our website at blackburnhamlet.ca.

Laura Dudas



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I'm excited to announce the new pricing structure for our beautiful Community Hall.

The new pricing structure is clearer and easier to understand. It will come into effect starting September 1st, 2017.

Do not hesitate to contact me at:

hall@blackburnhamlet.ca if you have any questions.

Thank you kindly, *Auramarina Sawyer*

REVISED Community Hall Rates – September 2017

Group Category	Rates for Blackburn Hamlet Residents		Rates for Non-Blackburn Hamlet Residents	
	Mon-Fri Day time 8 am - 6 pm	Evenings & Week-ends	Mon-Fri Day time 8 am - 6 pm	Evenings & Week-ends
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1A	\$15 p/e	\$15 p/e	\$20 p/h	\$25 p/h
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* Group 1A: Group 1 - Longer events (3 to 5 hrs)

* Group 2: Private activities (Ex: Birthday parties, weddings)

* Group 3: Commercial for profit activities

New Schedule of Public BCA Meetings

The BCA is trying something new with its board meetings. Every second meeting will be open to the public and held at the Community Hall. Please confirm the dates on our website each meeting to be sure a meeting is public and confirm the date. Usually meetings will fall on the third Thursday of the month but sometimes meetings are moved, as the March one was. There will be no June, July, or August BCA board meetings. The next meeting is scheduled September 15; keep an eye on our list of events for summer activities and any changes to future meeting dates.



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The BCA's Environment Committee and Education and Youth team will be accepting donations of all children's bikes no matter the condition. Velofix, a mobile bike repair shop, has kindly offered to assess and make any required repairs before the BCA takes the used bicycles (and tricycles, scooters and skate boards) for re-cycling into the community. With each bicycle you donate, our friends from Velofix will provide a mechanical fitness check and quickie tune-up of one of your "keeper" bikes.

Things you need to know:

- Drop off at Blackburn Arena parking lot, 190 Glen Park Drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- More information on the BCA website www.blackburnhamlet.ca or call John Balint at 613-824-6940.

July 1st CANADA DAY FIREWORKS

by Ian Chamberland, BCA Social Director

Grab your favorite chair and join us on July 1st to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday! The Blackburn Community Association is once again bringing the best part of the celebration to our local community centre... the fireworks! Preparations are under way to put together a show that has never been seen before in Blackburn.

If you or someone you know would like to sing our National anthem at this year's show, I'd be interested in hearing from you, please contact me to set up an audition. Call 613-277-7149.

Bicycle Skills Development/Rodeo Fun Day

Sunday, May 7th, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The BCA's Environment Committee and Education and Youth team are inviting kids to a Bike Skills Development Day. Instructors from the city of Ottawa's Recreation Department and Velofix, a mobile bike repair shop, will be going over some basic bicycle riding skills based on the CANBIKE level 1 and level 2 cycling course including skills development games and a Rodeo Fun Day.

Things you and your kids need to know:

- Register on-line before May 7 at www.blackburnhamlet.ca
- Bike helmets required (and bike, of course)
- Level 1 ages 6-9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Level 2 ages 10-13 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Level 1 and 2 course outline on BCA website
- Bike Skills location will be in the parking lot at Blackburn Arena, 190 Glen Park Drive
- Parent or guardian must provide signed City of Ottawa waiver form at check-in
- Waiver form and more information can be found on the BCA website at www.blackburnhamlet.ca or call John Balint at 613-824-6940.

Renew your BCA Membership!

Blackburn Hamlet is known across the region for being a friendly, active and a progressive community. BCA memberships are only \$10 for the family and run from June to June of each year. Your contribution helps pay for the BANAR, and a multitude of various events and projects as well as being a liaison with the various governments.

Please make your \$10 cheque out to "BCA" and mail us your name, address, phone number and email address to :

BCA Memberships, P .O. Box 47062, Ottawa, K1B 5B0. You may also email François Trépanier (memberships@blackburnhamlet.ca) or call 613-853-9610 to arrange for the pick-up or drop-off of your contribution and card.

We appreciate your support!



Community Safety—Neighbourhood Watch

by Ian Chamberland, BCA
Community Safety Director

Friends and residents of Blackburn Hamlet, I am pleased to join the Community Safety team as the Community Safety Director on the Blackburn Community Association board. I am eager to start my work with residents and hear your thoughts on how to maintain and improve the overall community safety aspect in the hamlet. The Blackburn Community Association held an information night last year to provide residents with details of the Neighbourhood Watch Program. There was significant interest in the program and it is with this support that I will continue to build on. With a



team, I am looking to re-ignite the Neighbourhood Watch Program which was once in place here in the hamlet. Over the course of 2017, our team will endeavour to make contact with residents who share our vision.

I invite residents to visit the links below to familiarize themselves with the program, its advantages, and its implementation.

For further information, or if you share this vision and want Neighbourhood Watch on your street, please contact me at safety@blackburnhamlet.ca.

Links:

- www.ottawapolice.ca/en/safety-and-crime-prevention/Neighbourhood-Watch.asp
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In keeping with the Canadian theme the entertainment this year will have a mix of French, English and Indigenous performers.

There will be a whole weekend of activities in the newly renovated arena.

The carnival rides will be in full operation and the fireworks will be spectacular! The Canadian-themed parade is for all ages, and kicks off the FunFair on Saturday morning after everyone has filled up at the Pancake Breakfast. The big stage will have amazing entertainment Friday night and will also be our first Craft Brew Night in the Beer Gardens. The Mixed Softball Tournament will be hitting a "home run"

again this year. The Movie Night on Friday will be a hit with the kids, and there will be a Teen Glow Dance after the movie in the arena. Saturday will be jam-packed with activities with the Showcase, Ray's Reptiles, Bouncy Castle, the BBQ, Silent Auction, a full day of entertainment (showcasing local talent) in

the Beer Gardens and the return of the Used Book Sale, as well as a Glow event in the arena on Saturday night. The Fun Run along with the Dog Show and an Indigenous demonstration in the park plus other events will wrap up the FunFair on Sunday.

Join in the fun! June 2-4

Updates & schedule coming
www.BlackburnFunfair.ca

The planning continues so check out our FunFair web page for updates. If you are interested in volunteering and being part of this great weekend you can sign up on the FunFair web page or e-mail me. We would appreciate your help and your ideas so contact us at:

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Blackburn Hamlet Preschool will be closing

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your generous support of the Blackburn Hamlet Preschool and the development of educational space in our community. The outpouring of support from you has been wonderful, and it has reinforced just how special our community is.

While BHPS's board and the members of its location committee have worked extremely hard over the past eighteen months to secure a future for the school, we regret to inform our supporters that after the end of this school year, Blackburn Hamlet Preschool will cease operations.

From the start, the school's continuance has been met with two significant obstacles. The first involved the funds needed for relocation. Community support for our campaign was strong and encouraging, and we are forever grateful for your generosity. However, we were unable to raise the entire \$75K required as a down payment in order to secure further financing for the Green's Creek Education Centre. Further, we were not successful with any of the numerous grants we applied for.

More worrying is the second obstacle: the ever-shifting regulatory environment within which the preschool operates. In the 18 months since our lease extension, new or shifting regulatory requirements—some of which were communicated with little advanced notice—have required unexpected and costly changes to our programming. These include shifting toddler ratio requirements and new, restrictive rules for helping parents. Further still, additional and as-yet-unclear requirements for child care centres have been announced by the province. These would significantly change the definition of each of the age groups we currently serve, necessitating huge changes to our programming at the very moment we are hoping to scale it up.

Bearing these challenges in mind, there's consensus among all involved that it is simply not prudent for a volunteer-led, cooperative organization to undertake such a costly and significant project with insufficient

reserve funds, limited capacity to carry financing, and with complete regulatory uncertainty ahead. This is a tremendously sad outcome for us, and something we've worked extremely hard to prevent, but at this junction closing the school is the right decision to make.

Funds Raised via the Blackburn Hamlet Preschool Fund

While the funds raised through the capital campaign will not be put towards the Learning Centre as planned, our intention is for the money to still be used on educational and community-based projects. To this end, the BHPS Board of Directors has decided to divert the money in the fund to Just Food, due to various projects currently underway there that are very much aligned with our priorities. First, Just

Food has confirmed a project to renovate the large barn at the Just Food Farm into usable, three-season community space, which will be available to book for meetings and programs. This work will be completed in October 2017. Second, Just Food currently supports children's programming on site for a range of ages—including pre-school—and the organization and its partners have concrete plans to expand. Just Food partners with Earth Path, The Wild Garden, and Nature Connections—organizations offering programming for 3.5-5 year olds, as well as 6-11 year olds. Just Food subsidizes the space for all these programs, and also welcomes partnership with groups interested in conducting children's programming on site, including the homeschooling community, Guides, Scouts, and others.

Donors wishing to direct their donation to an alternate Canadian charitable organization can do so by contacting capitalcampaign@bhps.ca, and providing the full name of their organization of choice. These funds—minus the administrative fee—will then be redirected accordingly by the Community Foundation of Ottawa.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation,

The BHPS Board of Directors

OPEN HOUSE CONTENT SALE

April 3-7 (by appointment only)

April 8, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

More info on page 28

Join us for the Annual Spring Clean-up: April 22nd

Please mark your calendars — the 16th annual Blackburn Hamlet Spring Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 22 at 9:30 a.m. The rain date is Sunday, April 23 at 9:30 a.m. This is our community's opportunity to make the neighbourhood shine, through litter collection, graffiti clean-up and collection of household batteries—what a great way to celebrate Earth Day!

We've got room for everyone:

- If you are new to the community and are looking to meet some friendly faces, the annual Spring Clean-up is a great place to start;
- If you are a high school student looking for volunteer hours, please come on out;
- If you are a family with children attending school in the area (now or previously), there's room for you too; and
- For those of you who love Blackburn's first social community event of the spring season, come on down, we'd love to see you too!

Meet us in front of the Blackburn Community Hall, 200 Glenpark Drive at 9:30 a.m. We will provide

Blackburn Community Garage Sale: May 6th

In these days of re-use, recycle and repair the benefits are obvious. If these reasons don't inspire you, I suggest a certain curiosity to get out and see what amazing collections of curios are hiding in the basement and cupboard catacombs of Blackburnites. So get out and make some extra cash while emptying your spare room, basement or garage. Find a treasure that will make you smile and keep our landfills, well, not full.

- Saturday, May 6th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Rain Date: Sunday, May 7th (same times)
- Place "giveaways" on your curb after 3 p.m.

For more information contact the BCA Environment Committee at enviro@blackburnhamlet.ca.

garbage bags, latex gloves and a suggested area for litter pick-up. If you want, bring your own gloves to help keep your fingers warm and dry! Bring along a reusable coffee mug if you'd like to enjoy a warm beverage while you "work", complements of our local Tim Hortons. And, don't forget to drop off your used household batteries. Following the neighbourhood clean-up, join us back at the Community Hall at 11:30 a.m. for the annual group photo, and a BBQ complements of the Blackburn Community Association.

If you have any questions, contact the Blackburn Hamlet Environment Committee at: enviro@blackburnhamlet.ca. Let's make this year the best yet. Hope to see you there!

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How much do you know about ticks? Did you know that they start to come out when it's 4 °C outside? With our warmer winter weather, we are now seeing ticks all year round.

Why is it so important to prevent them? Ticks can be carriers of several diseases, the most common one we see is Lyme disease.

Only a small percentage of dogs will show signs of Lyme disease which is why it is important to test as Lyme disease can cause kidney failure.

Frequently owners have not seen ticks on their dogs but they test positive for Lyme disease. Ticks can be hard to find and they leave the animal after they are done eating.

If you see a large, engulfed tick on your pet chances are it's been there for a few days. Now remain calm! It is important to remove

the tick completely and consult with your veterinarian to see if you should get your dog tested.

Here are a few tips:

- Stay out of long grass/cedar edges/wooded areas because this is where ticks like to live.
- Topical/oral tick prevention
 - Prevention is always better! An effective oral or topical tick prevention will kill off ticks trying to make a meal of your pet. Make sure to choose a veterinary product as they are proven effective.
- Ask your veterinarian if your pet should be vaccinated against Lyme disease.

With the warmer season at our doorsteps, it's time to protect your pet against ticks!

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Open house for proposed plans to expand arena

by Councillor Jody Mitic

I was pleased to host my 3rd Annual Free Family Skate Day at Blackburn Arena on February 20th. It was great to have MP Leslie, MPP Lalonde and Mayor Watson drop by. Residents enjoyed coffee, hot chocolate and timbits and two hours of free skating. Thank you to the dedicated City of Ottawa arena staff for all of their assistance.

I am excited to announce that my office will be hosting a public open house for Innes Ward residents to view the proposed plans to expand the Blackburn Arena. The open house will be held on April 6th at the Blackburn Community Hall from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Please come out and share your feedback on how to improve our community arena.

There will be utilities work to install new lifecycle lighting in Blackburn Hamlet over the summer months—specifically certain sections of Highburn, Beddoe Lane, Eastpark, Glen Park, Diceman and Beechmont will see lifecycle upgrades to their underground utility system. Affected residents will be notified by mail and we will post the information on our social media.

A big thank you to the Blackburn Stingers for donating their ice time in the arena so that Hockey Day in the Hamlet could proceed on a rainy February day!



Photo by Laura Dudas



Bearbrook Road will be resurfaced from Centrepark South to St. Joseph Blvd in this year's construction season. Also, streetlighting will be replaced on Bearbrook from St. Joseph Blvd to Westpark Drive. Westpark Drive will also be resurfaced this year from Bearbrook South to Bearbrook North.

My office and I are looking forward to participating in this year's Blackburn Fun Fair Parade on Saturday, June 3rd!

Councillor Jody Mitic
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Update—Illegal Marijuana Dispensaries in Blackburn

by Richard Bergman, BComm., LLB
Blackburn Resident, 1977-1991

In the last issue, I introduced our group, its purpose and the accomplishments we have achieved so far. Over the last two weeks we have seen a renewed commitment by many pot shop owners to aggressively defy the law. The police have continued to enforce the law all because of the efforts of our small group of volunteers addressing the Police Services Board on October 26th.

Complacency Is Not an Option — Individual Efforts Have Made a Difference

If there was ever any doubt, we can now see that were it not for that seemingly unlikely effort, the shop in Blackburn would still be operating and dozens more would have opened. In fact, this is exactly what Vancouver's Marc and Jody Emery have stated they intend to do by opening as many Cannabis Culture stores in as many locations as possible. They and others have made it clear that the law is not something that concerns them.

A Picture Is Emerging

We might be wise to imagine what full recreational legalization of marijuana will look like in our communities. For much of the public that has only heard the story written by the drug lobby, here are some well-researched facts that we should all take a moment to ponder deeply and consider the consequences:

- The black market will thrive as it sells for less into this growing demand and is exactly what we are seeing in CO and WA and was documented on "60 Minutes" in December 2016.
- Marijuana impaired fatal accidents in WA and CO have doubled in the first year since allowing people to buy it at pot shop. Usage rates will rise particularly among the very group of people who are most vulnerable to the mental health risks, the 15-24-year-old cohort.
- Surveyed teenagers have said it is more difficult to obtain when it remains illegal. Another 2014 study showed that 10 percent of teenagers currently not using would use it if it were legal. This is also the same user

group that the nascent industry will need to hook to have a chance at sustaining its customer base.

- Expect more guerrilla marketing techniques to attract this cohort like the marketing deal the Smith Falls facility recently did with known pot advocate and rapper Snoop Dogg.

The two biggest arguments proffered by advocates is that the black market will disappear and it will be more difficult for youth to obtain and yet we have empirical observations confirming the opposite. This is entirely consistent with my professional experience working in Vancouver as an RCMP officer. Organized crime groups are very optimistic these days because they will thrive with interests in both legal and illicit markets.

I will be posting many more statistics, recent studies and articles that I and others have written that are concerning and that everyone ought to be fully aware of before Canada decides to legalize recreational use of marijuana on our website at www.actionblackburn.ca.

Online Petition Coming Soon

We will soon have an online petition available for all those that are suspicious of the fervent rush to legalize recreational use of marijuana. If you would like to share your concern or support us please call 613-824-3775, visit www.actionBlackburn.ca, email info@ActionBlackburn.ca or drop off your name, address and contact information to 105 Westpark Drive.

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Challenge: Canadian flags flying throughout Blackburn Hamlet

by Evelyn Budd

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Lester Pearson was a Canadian Diplomat in 1957 and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for brokering the deal to end the Suez Canal crisis. During this work Pearson offered Canadian soldiers as peace keepers but his offer was rejected based on the fact that Canadian soldiers wore a Red Ensign on their shoulder and could be mistaken as British soldiers.

In 1961 Pearson met with John Matheson, a Liberal MP as well as a heraldry expert. When Lester Pearson became prime minister Matheson became his point man in the quest to have a new flag in time for the country's 1967 centennial.

Mr. Matheson enlisted the services of Alan Beddoe to assist him in the design stage of the flag work. When Matheson met with Prime Minister Pearson in May of 1964, he brought along Alan Beddoe to Pearson's office to present some three-leaf designs. Then Beddoe extracted from his briefcase another design, with vertical blue bars, which he handed to the prime minister saying: "Perhaps you would prefer this flag which conveys the message: "From sea to sea." Pearson, whose entire purpose was to strengthen national unity, was enchanted. Unfortunately it led to the "Great Flag Debate" and much political angst.

Canadians were then invited to submit suggestions for the design of the flag. Over 5,900 submissions came in.

Dr. George Stanley's suggestion of incorporating the maple leaf image used on the Canadian Olympic Athletes uniforms since 1904 was accepted. Matheson enlisted a design team from the Canadian Government Expositions Commission to refine the basic Stanley suggestion into what we know today as the Canadian Maple Leaf Flag. On December 15, 1964 Parliament voted 163 to 78 in favour and our Canadian Maple Leaf Flag became a reality.



The Blackburn Ladies Ringette group would like to challenge all of Blackburn Hamlet to commemorate Canada's 150th anniversary by raising a Canadian Maple Leaf Flag in front of their homes and businesses.

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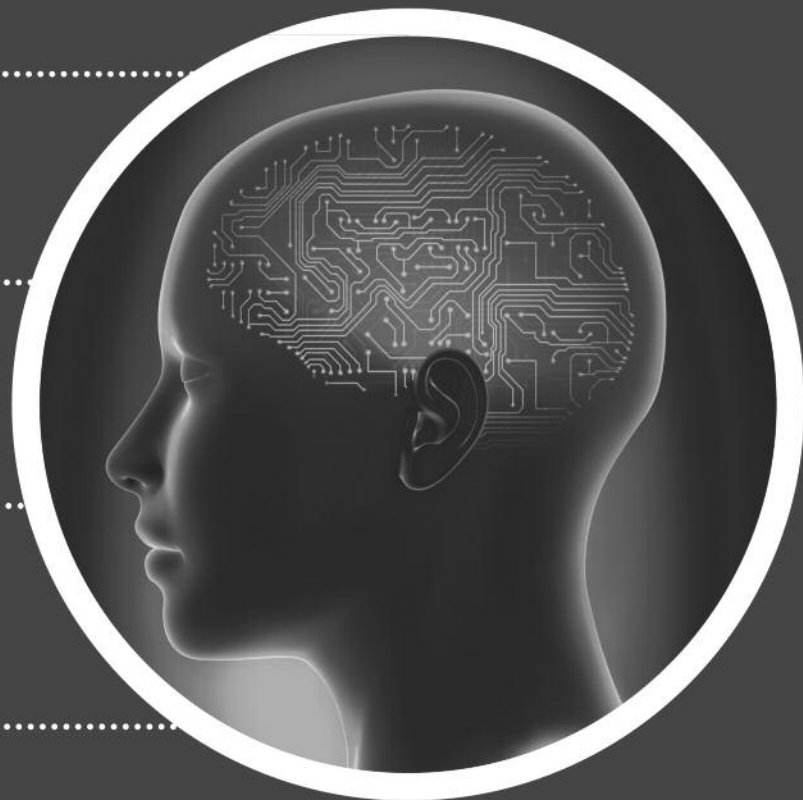
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As we age, our cognitive abilities decline and it becomes more difficult to process information as fast as we once could. Hearing loss can cause mental fatigue, as the brain compensates by increasing its workload and takes away resources from other tasks. This is similar to a chronic ailment like a bad knee, where the rest of your body has to work harder just to walk.

Hearing loss can result in symptoms such as diminished memory, a lower attention span, decreased focus, and even social issues like depression and withdrawal from family and friends. Studies show that untreated hearing loss is linked to decreased cognitive abilities, and the more severe the hearing loss and the longer the wait before initial diagnosis and treatment, the higher the incidence of dementia.

For those with any degree of hearing loss, hearing aids can improve the quality of sound signals and therefore improve the ability to decode relevant speech and sounds. By providing enhanced auditory sound quality, it is easier to listen and our response times improve. This allows listeners to "keep up with the conversation" without putting an additional strain on their mental resources.

Addressing and understanding your hearing loss can have significant benefits. Wearing a properly fitted and adjusted hearing aid can decrease the demands on cognitive processing, and provide additional resources for critical thinking, memory and focus. The human body only has so much energy to use each day, and solutions such as



hearing aids can offload some of these functions to a digital processing device.

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Our after school program for juniors starts May 8th, with three sessions running until June 16th. New this year, a summer full day junior camp starting July 3rd. Half days will also still be available. Juniors signing up for "camps" may purchase a club membership for \$25. and enjoy the sport all summer long. For those juniors who are more competitive and looking for a higher level of instruction, the High Performance Program is offered in several sessions starting May 9th. There is a Saturday morning adult drop-in round robin, and a weekday adult round robin all summer; check website for more details. A competitive evening adult league

starts May 29th. "Family Day" round robin will be held Sunday morning June 18th. Team up with your kids and play another family! A giant "Canada 150" celebration is being planned for July 22. Check our website at www.blackburntennis.ca for information on these events and more, updated regularly. The

Clubhouse phone during the season is 613-824-0002.

Please come and join us for registration on April 22nd and the 29th at 2669 Innes, and talk to a staff member. After this date, drop in at anytime the clubhouse is open. We welcome all ages and all skill levels and hope to see you on the courts.

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<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">Registration</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, April 22nd & Saturday, April 29th</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">Register at the Clubhouse between 10am – 2pm</p>	2 0 1 7	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">Open House</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">Tennis activities, Round Robin play and a BBQ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, May 27th between 1 - 5pm</p>
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Blackburn Tennis Club offers a full slate of tennis activities for all ages and skill levels!

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- Adult Evening League Play
- Weekend Drop-in Round Robin
- Cardio-Tennis / Stroke of the week
- Drills and Skills training
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Come visit your newly renovated library

We're happy to announce that we re-opened on Friday, March 10th after a short 10-day closure for branch improvements. The branch now has a single one-stop service hub, new machines for self-serve checkout and has a new, clean and more spacious look. As always, staff is available to help with whatever it is that you may be looking for.

With a valid library card, you can book a computer, use our databases (look for jobs, book reviews and more), pick up museum passes, download music, check out the latest DVDs and books off of the Express shelves, enter contests, register for programs and so much more.

BRANCH CLOSURE

The Blackburn Hamlet branch of the Ottawa Public Library will be closed from Monday, April 24 to Thursday, May 4 inclusive, for improvements to complete RFID technology conversion, and for accessibility improvements to the front entrance.

It will reopen Friday, May 5.

The book drop will be available during the closure. For access to Library services during the closure, the nearest branches are the Orléans branch at 1705 Orléans Boulevard and the North Gloucester branch at 2036 Ogilvie Road.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Don't forget that even when the Branch is closed, the Library is open online 24/7. From home, with your Library card, you can:

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Session 2

Wednesdays March 29th to April 19th from 10:30 AM to 11 AM (30 minutes)

Session 3

Wednesdays May 10th to 24th from 10:30 AM to 11 AM (30 minutes)

Toddler Bilingual. (18-36 months)

Stories, rhymes and songs for babies and a parent or caregiver.

Session 2

Thursdays March 30th to April 20th from 10:15 AM to 10:45 AM (30 minutes)

Session 3

Thursdays May 11th to 25th from 10:15 AM to 10:45 AM (30 minutes)

Family Storytime Bilingual. (0-6 years)

Stories, rhymes and songs for babies and a parent or caregiver.

Session 2

Thursdays March 30th to April 20th from 11 AM to 11:30 AM (30 minutes)

Session 3

Thursdays May 11th to 25th from 11 AM to 11:30 AM (30 minutes)

We're Going on an Egg Hunt!

Bilingual. Family Program

Join us for a program full of colours and adventures. Stories, rhymes, songs and an egg hunt for children and a parent or caregiver.

Saturday, April 15th at 10:30 AM (60 minutes)

TD Summer Reading Club

We will be hosting a great lineup of programs this summer for children of all ages as part of the TD Summer Reading Club! Please check back with us in June.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Round Table Bookchat

We meet the 3rd Monday of each month, except in July and August. All are welcome. We will be reading and discussing the following:

Monday, April 10th – *The Golden Son* by Shilpi Somaya Gowda

Monday, May 15th – *The Back of the Turtle* by Thomas King

Monday, June 29th – *The Reason You Walk* by Wab Kinew

Clicking, Flicking and Tweeting: Social Networking Controversy

The explosion of social networking websites such as Flickr, Facebook, blogging sites and Twitter has raised more than privacy concerns. Join the discussion with Chris Taylor, Ottawa PC Users' Group President. Chris will describe the value of social media sites, and give the cautions about using these tools so that you don't compromise your computer, your job, your identity, or worse.

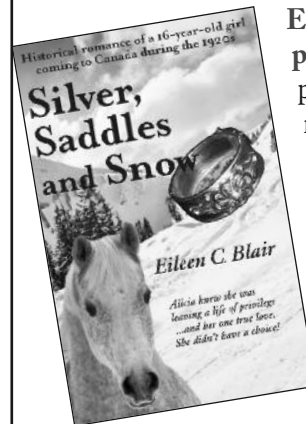
Thursday, June 1st at 6:15 PM (120 minutes – Please register)

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This is a unique opportunity for the public to enjoy, encourage and support artists in their local community as well as the Blackburn Hamlet Library.

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BYOBoard Game night

A fun family time was held on March 15th for Blackburn families to get together thanks to the participants who brought and shared their favourite board and card games. This was a FREE activity for Blackburn Hamlet children, youth and their families.

Special thanks goes to Chelsey Wynne, BCA Education and Youth director for organizing this new event.

Les Chansonniers d'Ottawa — 9 et 10 juin

La Troupe Les Chansonniers d'Ottawa présentera encore cette année une performance qui reflète bien son amour pour la chanson, la musique, la danse et ce, depuis plus de quarante-trois ans. Les 9 et 10 juin 2017, nos soixante choristes, danseurs et danseuses, vous offriront un spectacle qui promet d'être à la hauteur de vos attentes, tant par sa qualité musicale que ses mises en scène. Vous avez le choix entre le vendredi 9 juin à 20 heures ou le samedi 10 juin à 14 heures. Les spectacles se tiendront à l'auditorium de l'École secondaire publique De La Salle, sise au 501, ancienne rue St-Patrick, à Ottawa. Les billets, au coût de 20 \$ pour les adultes et 15 \$ pour les enfants et les étudiants ainsi que 15 \$ pour les billets de groupe (15 personnes et plus) seront disponibles le 29 mars auprès de votre choriste préféré(e) ou à l'adresse www.lesChansonniersOttawa.com. Pour vivre une soirée remplie d'émotions, venez vous joindre à nous et ressentir la francophonie dans les danses, les chansons et les harmonies.

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by Larry Dunkelman

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Combined Service Only - Community foot washing 7 p.m. St. Mary's, Town of Navan

Good Friday - (April 14)
The celebration of the Lord's Passion. 2 p.m. St. Mary the Virgin, Blackburn

Easter Sunday - (April 16)
11:15 a.m. - St. Mary the Virgin, Blackburn

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Fri, April 28, 7:30pm

Katherine Parr's Prayers for Henry VIII

given by **Dr. Micheline White**
Associate Professor, College of the Humanities & English, Carleton University

Fri, May 26, 7:30pm

Neonatal Patient Monitoring

given by **Dr. James Greene**
Associate Professor, Department of Systems & Computer Engineering, Carleton University

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

APRIL 9-16



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Grandmas Seventh Annual Card Party

On Tuesday, April 25th grandmas AIDing grandmas will once again hold their popular card party at last year's bright and spacious new location, St. Helen's Anglican Church, 1234 Prestone Drive, Orleans. Enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by the grannies, with door prizes, an exquisite handcrafted quilt to be auctioned, and a "mini market" featuring garden stones, scarves, preserves, and jewellery. Tickets are still only \$25.00. Doors open at 12:30, lunch served at 1 pm. Gather some friends for a fun afternoon of card or board games, and comradery.

Last year's card party resulted in over \$5,000 being sent to the Stephen Lewis Foundation to



assist courageous African grandmothers raising children orphaned by the scourge of HIV/AIDS. This helps support them through grief, poverty, and illness, helps provide food and shelter, and the means to keep families and communities together. On its tenth anniversary the grandmother movement has made amazing strides; these

grandmas are playing pivotal roles in turning the tide of their country's HIV/AIDS epidemic.

If possible a donation for the local Food Bank would be appreciated.

For tickets or further information grandmas59@gmail.com or Barbara Nolen at 613-824-3524. Tickets are limited.

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Five months to go to Chase Cancer out of our lives

by Bill Horne

The 2017 Cancer Chase team, a committee of the Blackburn Community Association, is hard at work to make the Sixth Annual September 24th 5km walk/run Cancer Chase a huge success. The snow will soon be gone, and the Hornets Nest walking and running trails will soon be enjoyed by local residents. All the information you will need is on our website at www.cancerchase.com. You will soon be able to register online at the Running Room at www.events.runningroom.com.

The Running Room is one of our stalwart partners, and has set up a sponsorship page in conjunction with the registration so you can easily recruit friends and family to sponsor you. Advance registration costs just \$25, plus a small admin fee, and includes another great T-shirt. It makes a significant contribution to the Ottawa Hospital Foundation. Over the years we have raised over \$214,000 for cancer research.

If you cannot make it to the event, or sponsor a participant, you can still support the cause by going to the Ottawa Hospital Foundation at <http://bit.ly/2mQHTQs> and make a donation. All donations over \$15 will receive a tax receipt.

Remember, everything you should need is at www.cancerchase.com. And if it isn't, please email me at info@cancerchase.com.

You do not have to register in advance. You can just show up after 8:15 a.m. on the 24th at the Eric Danis Clubhouse, 1660 Bearbrook, in front of the SuperDome. Contribute what you can. T-shirts may

be available for sale, depending on supply, with priority to Running Room registrants.

If you have a business in Blackburn or vicinity, you can email our Sponsorship Chair Belinda Yeung at sponsor@cancerchase.com to let her know you want to make a donation to the silent auction or raffle prizes. Your business will receive plenty of recognition. Belinda or a team member will ensure you get involved.

Got it on your calendar?
September 24th

We are always looking for volunteers to help before and during the event, so if that interests you, contact Bill Horne at info@cancerchase.com, until our new Volunteer Coordinator is in place.

We'll be in the Fun Fair parade as always.

You can keep up with developments on our www.cancerchase.com website.

You can always email me, the Event Director, Bill Horne, info@cancerchase.com. Or call me at 613-837-2166. See you in September!



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National Capital Network of Sculptors Studio Tour

On April 22nd and 23rd, Edna Lemyre will participate in a studio tour that will showcase the works of many artists who are members of the National Capital Network of Sculptors (NCNS) in studios across Ottawa. Edna's studio located at 28 Bearbrook Road will be open to visitors from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For educational purposes, Edna will also have on display the different stages for building sculptures. Brochures listing the addresses of the other studios will also be available.

Edna and her husband Clement have been residents of Blackburn Hamlet for the last 47 years. They raised four kids and two have returned to the Hamlet to raise their own families. Over the years, the family enjoyed many activities in the neighborhood, such as participating on softball, hockey and soccer teams. Throughout that time Edna pursued her passion for art and enrolled in the Visual Arts Department of the University of Ottawa where she graduated with an Honors degree.

Edna's motto is that variety is the spice of life, and this expression permeates her work. Edna's home displays a combination of sculptures and paintings of landscapes, wildlife and people in mixed media, often with a note of whimsical humour. Her pieces also include light-boxes, which are wall works that display windows and doors, with a combination of backlighting and translucent material. One of Edna's light-boxes hangs in the Blackburn Hamlet Library.



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Spring Fashion Show Saturday, April 8th

Saturday, April 8th at 10 a.m.

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2017 Navan Fine Arts Exhibition and Sale

April 22-23rd at the Navan Arena

The Navan Fine Arts Exhibition and Sale started in June of 2011 in celebration of Navan's 150th anniversary. The event features fine arts including paintings, pottery, textiles, woven goods, garden art, wood art and more. All art is original and made by the artist, and the artists are accepted by a juried process. The show has continued each year since and is organized by a cooperative group of artists based in Navan and surrounding villages. More info at www.navanarts.com.

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Monday, April 17, 7:30 p.m.

Iola Price will show how some garden plants get out of hand, causing problems if they invade natural areas. The “Grow Me Instead” guides were created by concerned provincial agencies to address the problem and find alternatives. Iola will explain the guide and describe some garden thugs.

Spring Flower Show

Saturday, May 13th 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Gloucester Centre Shopping Mall, 1980 Ogilvie Road

This show shows the talents of Gloucester Horticulture Society participants in growing plants and floral design—all in the spirit of friendly competition. They also provide opportunities to learn about flowers and plants you may not have seen before. Mostly it's about having fun by joining in whether you're a novice or experienced exhibitor.


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Plant donations would be welcomed and can be dropped off Friday, May 19th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 7 Parkwood Crescent, Blackburn Hamlet. Call John Peddie at 613-837-4336.

More info as we get closer at www.rothwellunited.com.

Good Shepherd Parish Garage Sale

Saturday, May 6th, 8 am to 1 pm

Join us for great bargains at the largest garage sale in Blackburn Hamlet. If you don't have enough items to run your own garage sale please consider donating to this project. Books, children's clothing, toys, bicycles, working electronics, sports equipment, household items and tools would be welcome. Unfortunately we cannot accept tires, large furniture, old computers with CRT monitors, old TVs and major appliances. Donations can be dropped off at Good Shepherd Church, 3092 Innes Road, Friday, May 5th between 1 and 6 p.m.

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